(c) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi- pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by well coordinated operations, setting up of outposts of Security Forces on strategic areas gearing up the intelligence machinery modernisation and upgradation of Police and Security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Withdrawal of security cover to VIPs

†648. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail or withdraw the security cover provided to very important persons, former Members of Parliament, former Ministers and retired Members of Parliament;

(b) whether Government have reviewed those security reasons comprehensively for which they were provided security earlier, before withdrawing the security cover to all of them; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for withdrawing security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The requirement of security in cases of all protectees including former Members of Parliament and former Minister is reviewed periodically, based on latest threat perception in each case. Government have a duty to see that persons in public life, who invite wrath of militants or terrorists are given due protection. Government also have a duty to ensure protection of common citizens. In order to ensure that adequate police force is available for the security of common citizen, Government continuously reviews deployment on personal security to ensure optimal use of the force.

Barbed wires at Indo-Pak border

†649. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task of erecting of the barbed wires to check the cross border infiltration illeglly at Indo-Pakistan border has been completed;

(b) whether Government are going to hold talks with the Military

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.